

REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that "the microelectronic die" lacks clear antecedent basis. Claim 9 and claim 10 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection in this regard.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 1 because "the die" should be " - - the microelectronic die - - ". Applicant has amended claim 1 accordingly.

The Examiner objected to claim 15 because "the die" should be " - - the microelectronic die - - ". Applicant has amended claim 15 accordingly.

The Examiner objected to claims 8, 14, and 18 because "wherein the interconnection elements are reflowed at a temperature of at least 180° C" is not supported/described in the specifications. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Page 7, line 5 states that the interconnection elements can have a melting temperature of 183° C. Furthermore, Page 7, line 16 states that the

interconnection elements can be heated to above their melting temperatures.

Since the melting temperature is above 180° C, the interconnection elements are thus heated to a temperature above 180° C.

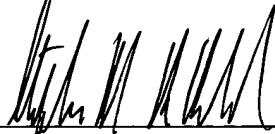
Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to claims 1, 15, 8, 14, and 18.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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